

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Dacusville Middle School

School District of Pickens County Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 371**

Principal: Andrew B. Hooker Superintendent: Dr. Kelly U. Pew Board Chair: Mr. Alex Saitta

PERFORMANCE

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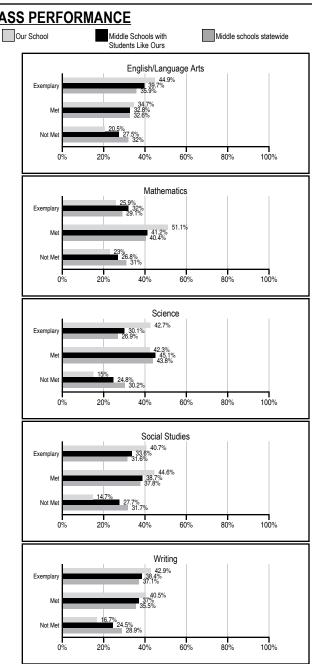
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD A	ND SILVER AWARD	ESEA/FEDERAL	ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Α	N/A
2011	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	23	23	0	0

^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Parcentages at NAEP Achievement Levels

Percentages at N							
READING – GRADE 8 (2011)							
South Carolina		28	45		25		2
Nation		25	43		29		3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Proficient Advanced							
MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)							
South Carolina	[30	38		25		7
Nation		28	39		26		8
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced							
SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)							
South Carolina		45	32		22	1	
Nation		38	33		28	1	I
% Below Basic							

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012						
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours				
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	97.3				
English 1	100.0	91.0				
Physical Science	N/A	N/A				
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A				
All Subjects	100.0	96.7				

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=371)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	88.8%	Up from 82.4%	34.2%	22.9%
Retention rate	1.4%	Up from 0.9%	0.7%	0.8%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.2%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 1.8%	0.9%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	76.2%	Down from 77.3%	61.9%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	84.7%	Down from 91.0%	88.2%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.1%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,111	Down 1.8%	\$46,986	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.9%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	17.3 days	Down from 19.5 days	11.0 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.8 to 1	Up from 22.3 to 1	23.0 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88.5%	90.0%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.6%	Down from 100.0%	98.0%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,543	Up 15.2%	\$7,033	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.3%	Up from 53.6%	64.3%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.5%	Down from 51.9%	62.2%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score * Length of contract = 185+ days.	95.6	N/A	87.7	88.1

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	18	123	54
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	78.0%	83.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	84.4%	79.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.4%	90.2%	84.3%

^{*}Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dacusville Middle School serves a rural community located in the northeastern corner of Pickens County. We have a dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to providing a quality education. We provide a student-centered, nurturing environment in which all students may experience success. Our students attend a state-of-the-art facility located on a 113-acre campus. The air conditioned. handicapped-accessible school has 2 computer labs, 2 mobile computer labs with new DELL laptops, 3 science labs with Science Cows(Computers on Wheels), 1 gymnasium, a 220-seat cafeteria, Media Center with 6,872 volumes, and 24 permanent classrooms, each with Promethean Boards. The campus also includes a walking trail, greenhouse, butterfly garden, fish pond, and bird sanctuary. At Dacusville Middle School we are continuing to plan strategies to improve student performance. Several strategies include: remediation classes, embedded staff development emphasizing instruction, curriculum coaching, and grade level incentive programs through the implementation of the TAP model. Dacusville Middle offers many special programs for our students including: Band, Chorus, Strings, Physical Education, Keyboarding, Agricultural Education, job shadowing, Gifted and Talented, Special Education, Alternative Education, Guidance and Counseling Services, on-site health services, educational field trips, and athletic teams, including volleyball, basketball, baseball, and cheerleading. Activities at Dacusville Middle School include: Student Council, Beta Club, FFA, Teens Influencing Peers, Career Fair, job shadowing, Character Education, teacher mentoring through the T.I.D.E.S program, school pageant, dances, concerts, Habitat Project, and many other service learning opportunities. We also offer Algebra I, English I, Keyboarding, and Computer Applications for high school credit. Our school makes efforts to involve the community in a variety of programs including: the school Habitat Project, school/business partnerships, volunteer training, fundraising activities, newsletter, Open House and \$1 Hot Dog Night, Back to School Orientation, Parent Night, Parent Orientation, Rising 6th Grade Parent Night, Walk for Education, Community Service Projects, PTO, Backpack Blessings, and School Improvement Council. Among our accomplishments in recent school years are the following: SC Palmetto Silver Award Winner; Wal-Mart Environmental Grant; Accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; SC Junior Scholars and Duke TIP Scholars; All-Region Band and Orchestra; Student Council created an Award Winning Scrapbook; Middle School Division Student Council awarded Gold Gavel Award at state convention; Safe Kids Upstate Award Winner for school safety; First Lego League Robotics Team competed in state competition.

Andy Hooker, Principal and Donna Forest, School Improvement Council Chair

^{**} Prior year audited financial data available.